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FROM HONG KONG SEPT 25:

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DEA NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE (FOR US ATTORNEY SOUTHERN
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT TO ARREST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER
MA SSU TS'UNG IN HONG KONG

REF: BANGKOK 20227

1. ALTHOUGH EXTRADITION OF MA SSU-TS'UNG WILL HAVE TO BE
HANDLED THROUGH LONDON. HKG LIKES TO RUN ITS OWN FOREIGN
POLICY, PARTICULARLY ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, AND
WOULD BE SENSITIVE TO RECEIVING A USG REQUEST FOR COOPERATION
IN MA'S ARREST VIA LONDON. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WE
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BE AUTHORIZED TO APPGOECH HKG IMMEDIATELY TO DISCUSS
COOPERATION IN THE APPREHENSION OF MA. WE THINK A JOINT
APPROACH BOTH IN LONDON AND HERE WITH THE POLITICAL
ADVISOR WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2. THE PRC IS LIKELY TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT ONE OF ITS GUESTS AT OCTOBER 1 NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION IS ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES EVEN IF THE ARREST TAKES PLACE AFTER HE EXITS CHINA. VH NATS, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT JUMP ON THIS AS PROOF OF THEIR CHARGES THAT CHINESE COMMUNISTS ENGAGED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT REFTEL AND THIS MESSAGE BE REPEATED TO USLO PEKING AS WELL AS ALL FURTHER TRAFFIC. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INSTRUCTING USLO TO INFORM PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY OF OUTCOMES JUST PRIOR TO THE ARREST.

3. SINCE HONG KONG IS THE ONLY PLACE IN EA FROM WHICH MA COULD BE EXTRADITED (AND HE PRESUMABLY IS AWARE OF THIS), HE MIGHT TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS OF EXITING PRC VIA TOKYO. IF THIS IS CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY, TOKYO SHOULD BE INFORMED AS WELL.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPROACH TO HKG BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. DEA WILL HOLD OFF APPROACHING HK POLICE PER PARA 9 REFTEL UNTIL 1700 SEPT. 26 HK TIME. CROSS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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